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SUBJECT: ECONADS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN GDR, HUNGARY, AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA/COMMUNIST AID TO LESS DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES IN 1974

REF: A USNATO 4568,

B. USNATO 4583(NOTAL)

1. AT SEPTEMBER 4 ECONADS MEETING IT DEVELOPED THAT ECONOMIC
DIRECTORATE PAPERS CITED IN REFTELS, EVEN THOUGH DATED AUGUST 18,
HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY DELEGATIONS UNTIL AUGUST 28 (DELAY DUE TO
TIME REQUIRED FOR TRANSLATION OF FRENCH VERSION). AS A RESULT
ONLY UK AND FRENCH WERE ABLE TO COMMENT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. BOTH
PAPERS ARE UP FOR CLEARANCE AGAIN AT SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING,
ALTHOUGH GERMAN DID NOT EXPECT BONN/PULLACH COMMENTS ON GDR PORION
OF REPORT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING. CHAIRMAN STRESSED HIS
DESIRE TO FORWARD COUNTRIES PAPER TO NAC BY END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. ON PARA 46 COUNTRIES PAPER (AC/127-WP/439) UK DEL SAID ONE
LONDON AGENCY HAD REPORT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PAYING THE HUNGARIANS
IN HARD CURRENCY FOR BEEF IMPORTS, AND HENCE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT
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PARAGRAPH MIGHT BE TOO STRONG. HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE 1974 FIGURES FOR GDR FOREIGN TRADE SHORTLY AND
NOTED THAT THE FIGURE AT THE END OF PARA 90 SHOULD BE "NEARLY
\$300 MILLION" RATHER THAN THE "OVER \$100 MILLION" SHOWN.

3. THE FRENCH DEL REQUESTED, IF POSSIBLE, THAT EACH COUNTRY ENTRY BE AMPLIFIED TO COVER THE CREDIT SITUATION.

4. CHAIRMAN BILLY APOLOGIZED FOR INCORRECT COLLATION OF TALBLES BY REPORDUCTION SECTION (THOSE FOR GDR FOLLOW THOSE FOR HUNGARY AND, IN FINAL VERSION GOING TO NAC, WILL BE PROPOERLY PLACED). ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE STAFF ALSO MADE TWO MINOR TYPE CORRECTIONS: ON P. 22 THE ENTRY FOR GNP SHOULD READ: "GNP (WESTERN ESTIMATE-- 1973) 48.8 MIA \$" (I.EN MILLIARD), AND ON P. 24 THE 1971 EXPORT/IMPORT BALANCE SHOULD BE "PLUS 0.4".

5. ACTION REQUESTED: US COMMENTS, IF ANY, IN TIME FOR SEPT. 11 MEETING.
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